

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality for the withdrawal of ground water in New Kent County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: March 20, 2008 to April 19, 2008

PERMIT NAME: Ground Water Withdrawal Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: New Kent County; P.O. Box 50, New Kent, Virginia, 23124; GW0007600

NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL: New Kent Courthouse Water System; 11875 New Kent Hwy. & 7301 Egypt Road, New Kent, Virginia 23124

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: New Kent County has applied for a new permit for The New Kent Courthouse Water System in New Kent County, Virginia. The permit would allow the applicant to withdraw an average of 156,208 gallons per day. The ground water withdrawal will support County municipal buildings, schools, residential subdivisions, and businesses, and will also provide for minimal irrigation water for the school athletic fields. The proposed withdrawal will utilize the Middle Potomac aquifer at a depth between 395 feet to 669 feet below the land surface at the withdrawal site. A very minor amount of the proposed withdrawal (less than 300,000 gallons per month each) will utilize the Chickahominy-Piney Point and Upper Potomac Aquifers (at 155 to 232, and 305 to 385 feet below land surface) for school field irrigation. An aquifer is a body of rock or layer of sediment in the ground in which ground water is stored and transported. DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue the permit. The permit will be issued to New Kent County who will be the owner and operator of the system.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must be in writing; contain a brief statement on how the proposal affects the person commenting, other users or the aquifer; and be received by DEQ during the comment period. The public also may request a public hearing. If a public hearing is requested, the written comments should include the reason for holding a hearing and related factual concerns. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the proposed permit. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named below.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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